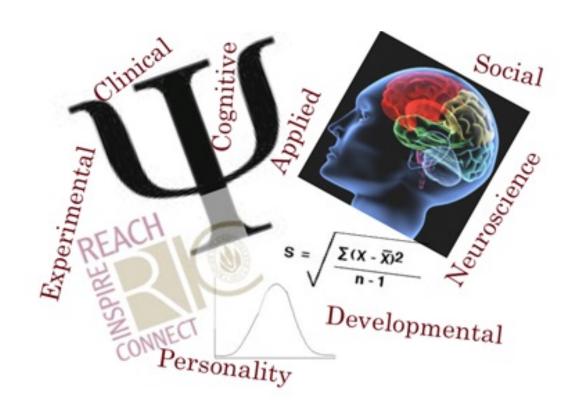
PSYC202: Research Methods

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Agenda

- Brief introduction into finding reliable, peerreviewed articles
- Lab: research article



Finding an empirical article

- Pubmed, or psychinfo will always be reliable
- Most searches are done through google scholar
 - How do you know if it is trust worthy?



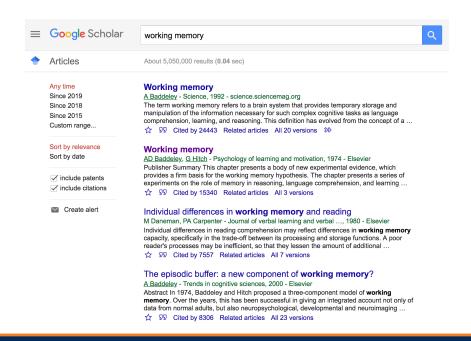
Evaluating a journal

- Impact factor
 - How many people does the journal reach?
 - Average number of citations within two years
 - More prestigious journals have a larger impact factor
 - Easiest just to google it



Evaluating an article

- Number of citations!
 - If more people are citing an article, the more impactful it is





Reading an article

- Read the abstract and conclusion, along with the figures.
 - After, read through the rest of the paper in order (intro-discussion)

Citing an empirical article

Author, F.M. (Publication year). Article
Title. *Journal Title, Volume*(Issue), pp.-pp.
doi:XX.XXXXX or Retrieved from journal URL

• Ex: Trier, J. (2007). "Cool" engagements with YouTube: Part 2. *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, 50(7), 598-603. doi:10.1598/JAAL. 50.7.8



Lab 1

Sections of a research article: **introduction**, **methods**, **results**, **discussion**.

- 1. Lab/ library assignment
- 2. Due beginning of next class (9/3)
- 3. Pull/copy/read <u>one</u> research article (not a review article, not a chapter) from a trusted source from the last five years.
- 4. Addressing <u>each</u> section listed above in bold, write a two page summary of the article.
- 5. <u>Using APA format</u>, reference your article at the end of your summary.
- 6. Use your own words—no quotes.
- 7. This can be any area of psychology so pick something you're interested in!

